SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The posting orders in respect of all vacant posts, except for the post of Store Officer, have been issued. The post of Store Officer has been lying vacant since 14-12-93. Efforts are being made to fill it as early as possible.

Shortage of Basic Drugs in CGHS Dispensaries in Delhi

7714. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has recently been made to know the shortage of basic drugs in the CGHS dispansaries in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for the deficiencies in the supply of life saving drugs in CGHS dispensaries; and

(d) what measures have been taken to remove the dificiencies?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) By and large, there are no deficiencies in the supply of life saving drugs to CGHS dispensaries. However, occasional shortages in the supply of drugs are made up through purchases from the approved local chemists.

Spread of AIDS in North-Eastern States

7715. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the North-Eastern States comprising of one percent of the national population are having as many as 16% of the country's AIDS cases;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any critical study of the causes for the rasing AIDS cases in the North-Eastern States;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof stating the annual percentage of rise in AIDS cases in these States as compared to other states identified as epi-centre of AIDS in the country; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to tackle this growing problem?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. 4% of the total number of reported AIDS cases in the country are from North-Eastern States. High prevalance of injecting drug and needle sharing are the main cause of rising number of AIDS cases in these States.

(c) Annual quantum of rise in AIDS cases during last one year is nearly 4.5 times in North-Eastern States as against 2.8 times in Maharashtra and 2.3. times in Tamil Nadu which are considered as epicentre States.

(d) Apart from programmes to ensure blood safety and control of sexually transmitted diseases, innovative intervention programmes are being undertaken among the injecting drug users with the help of NGOs to curtail/ step injecting drug use and needle sharing. Special awareness campaigns about the 'harm-reduction' measures are also underway. IEC campaigns for promotion/adopting of safer sex practices are also being undertaken.

Proposal to Ban Advertisements of All Tobacco Products

7716. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government contemplate stopping of advertisements of all tobacco products in the country;

(b) if so, the percentage by which the consumption of tobacco products is

anticipated to be reduced with the banning of the advertisements;

(c) whether Government have considered the question of banning the production of tobacco products which are injurious to health instead of putting a ban on the products; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not considering it advisable to ban the tobacco products which are injurious to health?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The propoosed comprehensive anti-tobacco legislation inter-alia envisages a ban on all froms of advertisement of all tobacco products.

(b) Considerable decrease in consumption is expected.

(c) and (d) No ban on the production of tobacco products or tobacco products has been envisaged.

Claims for Developing AIDS Kit

7717. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the report appearing in 'Pioneer' dated 28th April, 1994 regarding falsely claiming credit for the development of AIDS kit by Ranbaxy Laboratories; and

(b) if so, what is the factual position and what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

गुजरात और मध्य प्रदेश में क्षय-रोग की रोकथाम हेतु उठाए जाने वाले कदम

7718. **श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गुजरात और मध्य प्रदेश में कितने प्रतिशत पुरुष और महिलाएं क्षय-रोग से ग्रस्त हैं;

(ख) इन राज्यों में क्षय रोग की रोकथाम हेतु चलाए जा रहे कार्यक्रमों का जिले-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या क्षय रोग के उपचार हेतु औषधियों की कमी है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ङ) इन राज्यों में ऐसी औषधियों की पर्याप्त मात्रा में आपूर्ति करने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बी॰ शंकरानन्द): (क) ऐसा अनुमान है कि लगभग 1.5% जनसंख्या को पुरूष और महिला के बीच 2:1 के अनुपात में सक्रिय क्षयरोग है।

(ख) राष्ट्रीय क्षयरोग नियंत्रण कार्यक्रम के तहत गुजरात और मध्य प्रदेश में उपलब्ध क्षयरोग उपचार की सुविधाओं संबंधी ब्यौरा विवरण में दिया गया है **(नीचे देखिये)**।

(ग) जी नहीं।

(घ) और (ङ) ये प्रश्न नहीं उठते।